

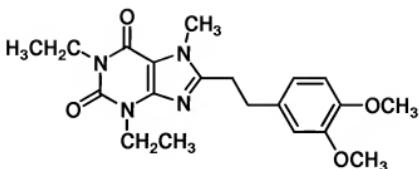
a.) Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) The method of treating prophylactic and/or therapeutic agent for diseases accompanied by chronic musculoskeletal pain as claimed in Claim 5, Claim 17 or 18, wherein Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> each is a hydrogen atom.

Claims 7-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing and/or treating diseases accompanied by chronic musculoskeletal pain which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound represented by formula (1)

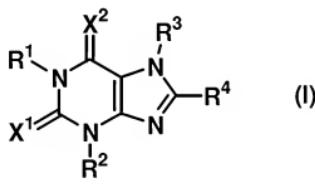


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having an adenosine A<sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonistic action or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) The method for treating prophylactic and/or therapeutic agent for diseases accompanied by chronic musculoskeletal pain as claimed Claim 7, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> each is ethyl which comprises as an active ingredient a compound having an adenosine A<sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonistic action or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the compound having an adenosine A<sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonistic action is a xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):

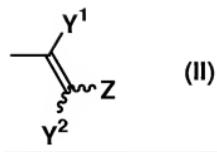


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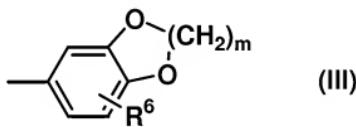
R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each ethyl;

R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkynyl;

R<sup>4</sup> represents formula (II);



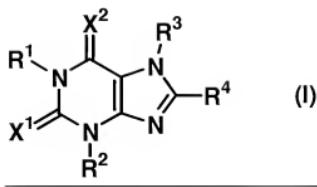
(wherein  $Y^1$  and  $Y^2$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, halogen or lower alkyl; and  $Z$  represents substituted or unsubstituted aryl or a group represented by formula (III);



(wherein  $R^6$  represents a hydrogen atom, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro or amino; and  $m$  represents an integer of 1 to 3); and

$X^1$  and  $X^2$  each represent an oxygen atom.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for treating prophylactic and/or therapeutic agent for diseases accompanied by chronic musculoskeletal pain as claimed in Claim 8, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  each is ethyl which comprises as an active ingredient a compound having an adenosine  $A_{2A}$  receptor antagonistic action or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the compound having an adenosine  $A_{2A}$  receptor antagonistic action is a xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):

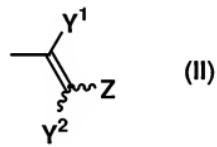


wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each ethyl;

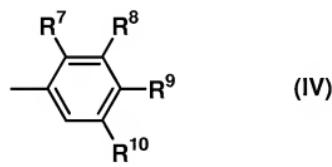
$R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkynyl;

R<sup>4</sup> represents formula (II):



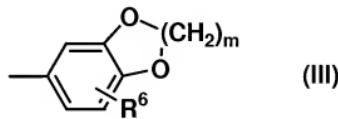
(wherein Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, halogen or lower alkyl; and

Z represents a group represented by formula (IV):



(wherein at least one of R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> represents lower alkyl or lower alkoxy and the remaining groups represent a hydrogen atom; R<sup>10</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl)

or formula (III):



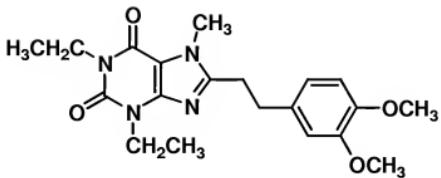
(wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogen, nitro or amino; and m represents an integer of 1 to 3); and

X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> each represent an oxygen atom.

19. (Currently Amended) The method for treating prophylactic and/or therapeutic agent for diseases accompanied by chronic musculoskeletal pain as claimed in Claim 17, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is methyl.

20. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic and/or therapeutic agent for method for treating diseases accompanied by chronic musculoskeletal pain as claimed in Claim 18, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is methyl.

21. (New) A method of treating hyperalgesia which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound represented by formula (1)



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (New) The method for treating chronic musculoskeletal pain as claimed in Claim 6, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is methyl.